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Professor Giovanni Neri

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Dear Professor Giovanni Neri,

enclosed, please find the new version of our manuscript by Cristo et al. on “Functional study of DAND5 variant in patients with Congenital Heart Disease and laterality defects” (MGTC-D-17-00126R1) to be submitted for your consideration for publication in BMC Medical Genetics as a Research Article.

Here, as you may appreciate, in this revised version of the manuscript we were able to address all the technical comments.
All the contributors have read and approved the submission of this manuscript. We declare no conflict of interest. The results in the manuscript have not been published, or submitted for publication elsewhere.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Sincerely yours,

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Reply to the technical comments:

1. Materials and Methods, please change this section header to 'Methods'.

R: In this section, we changed the header to ‘Methods’ as suggested.

2. Ethics approval and consent to participate, please include a statement outlining the type of consent to participate obtained from the parents/legal guardians of the subject involved in your study.

R: At the section “Ethics approval and consent to participate” we included the following statement “Written informed consent was obtained from all guardians participants prior to the collection of the DNA”, as recommended.

3. Availability of supporting data section, please change this statement header to 'Availability of data and materials'.

R: In this section, we changed the statement header to 'Availability of data and materials’.

4. Supplementary material, please remove the point-by-point response to the reviewers and the manuscript with the highlighted amendments from the supplementary material, as these files will not be included in the published article.

R: Addressed as suggested.